



CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Academy of Science and Technology
 The Woodlands College Park High School



Newsclippings

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Date	Event
10/8	BEST Demo Day AST Testing
10/10	PAST Board Meeting
10/11	CISD College Night
10/15	BEST Game Day!
10/19	PSAT
10/20	Distinguished Lecture Series
10/22	AST Testing

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

This Saturday is the BEST Robotics Demo Day at The Woodlands Mall. Stop by and give our team support!

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

Lecture Added to Fall 2016 Distinguished Lecture Series

Thank you for the great response we have had in our lecture series. I am honored that we are able to add one more lecture. On Thursday November 17 Dr. Erich Sturgis, head and neck surgeon at MD Anderson, will present lecture on his research on the epidemic of HPV. The remaining lectures for the fall appear below:

- Thurs Oct 20 **Brittany Rhodes, MSOP** *Prosthetics and Orthotics-A Career Improving Individuals' Lives.*
- Tues Nov 8 **Dusty Alexander** *Global Shop Solutions-Using Technology to Solve Manufacturing Problems.*
- Thurs Nov 17 **Erich Sturgis, MD** *HPV Epidemiology*

Social Lunch for Class of 2018

The Grade-Level Representatives have planned a social lunch for the **Class of 2018** on Friday **October 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at **McAlister's Deli**. Friday is an Early Release day so students only need to walk over to McAlister's when dismissed from school. Students are asked to bring money for their lunch and to arrange transportation home.

Social Lunch for Class of 2019

Parent Class Reps invite current **sophomores** (Class of 2019) to join their peers at **Chick-fil-A** (in front of College Park HS) on Friday **October 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This is an Early Release day for students. Students are asked to bring money for lunch and to arrange transportation home. RSVP to Mrs. Papar at lamiyatpapar@gmail.com by Wednesday Oct 12 if you plan to attend. The social lunch affords students to enjoy their peers outside of school.

Academy News

Academy Class of 2017 and Senior Parents

The Senior Gala for the Class of 2017 will be held **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel at 3:00 p.m.**

Throughout the coming months, you will receive information and reminders about the Gala through the US postal service, email, the AST weekly *Newsclippings* newsletter, The Class of 2017 Facebook page, and REMIND 101. To join the REMIND group simply text the message @ast201 to the number 81010. Standard text messaging rates apply to those without unlimited texting on the cell phone data plans.

DUE DATES (Please refer to an email sent to you the week of September 25 for details)

October 21 BABY PHOTO (1)

January 27 CASUAL PHOTOS (5-6)

January 31 DEADLINE FOR SENIOR PARENTS TO JOIN PAST AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PAST MEMBERS' REDUCED TICKET PRICE FOR SENIOR GALA (HARD DEADLINE)

March 17 PRESENTATION OF SENIORS PHOTO (1)

March 17 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Volunteer Opportunity

It has been a long standing tradition of the Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology to honor the senior class with a very special and personal graduation event. The **Senior Gala** is an elegant celebration of our seniors and their accomplishments.

For those who wish to assist in the preparation of this event, **a volunteer meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Mitchell Library** (8125 Ashlane Way / The Woodlands, TX 77382). If you would like to help but cannot attend the meeting,

please email Terri Kedzierski (mrs_kedz@hotmail.com) or Tandi Hodges (tandi2@yahoo.com).

We encourage parents from all classes to participate, as it is a great opportunity to see what is in store for your child at the end of their senior year.

P.A.S.T. for the Future News

Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

PAST Membership Update

Many thanks to the parents who have joined and supported PAST through membership fees and extra donations. PAST does not have any planned fundraising events this year, and has no plans to ask parents or students to sell anything. PAST membership and donation funds are used for items such as student laptops, lab equipment, classroom textbook sets, social events and more. Because PAST funding benefits all Academy students, it is our goal every year to have 100% parent participation. Current statistics:

Freshmen:	79%
Sophomores:	33%
Juniors:	42%
Seniors:	33%

Directories & Umbrellas have arrived! If you have joined PAST but have not already picked up your directories (and umbrellas for Sponsor level and above) please send your student to see Ms. Angela Kyle in the Academy office to pick up your items.

Important reminder for parents of seniors: PAST members who join before **January 31, 2017** receive a discount ticket price for the Senior Gala. Member price is \$55 per ticket, while non-member price is \$75 per ticket. In order to qualify for the discount, membership must be received by the deadline. After January 31, senior parents are still welcome to join PAST but will **NOT** be eligible for the discounted Senior Gala ticket pricing.

Not sure if you have already joined PAST this year? Welcome emails have been sent to parents who have joined. Please check your inbox (and junk folder) for an email from tasharees@icloud.com entitled "Welcome to PAST 2016-2017". If neither parent has received such an email but you believe you have joined PAST, contact membership coordinator Tasha Rees at tasharees@icloud.com or 832-540-6033 (text or voice, but text preferred).

Please join PAST today, so that we can continue to provide a high level of financial support to enhance our students' educations! To join, visit <http://web.pastforthefuture.org/get-involved/> and you can either download the form (if paying by check) or follow the link to pay via PayPal. All members will receive Academy directories, and those who donate at the Sponsor level and above (\$150 or more) will also receive an Academy logo umbrella.

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